3. THE SEVEN NAMES OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

I would lovingly and strongly advise you to read this Book of Revelation of Jesus Christ again and again. You will find therein a very helpful message for the end days. Even though you cannot understand many of the details do not worry about that. Read it through verse by verse, slowly and prayerfully upon your knees, and all the hidden mysteries will become clear to you in God's own time.

In the first chapter of Revelation and verse 4, we read, "JOHN to the seven churches which are in Asia: Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne." This blessing is given to us as we begin this study of the seven names of the Holy Spirit from Rev. 1:4; 3:1; 4:1-5; 5:5-6. Note how in these four passages from God's Word, we have this fragment or phrase, "the seven Spirits."

The number seven is also repeated a number of times in the same book. The message of the Lord Jesus Christ was to the seven churches; He speaks about the seven angels; there is a book with seven seals; the last seven plagues and so on. The number seven in the Bible speaks of perfection. Just as twelve for foundation and divine order, ten for test, eight for resurrection, six for man, five for grace, four for Gospel, three for Trinity and two for oneness, so number seven speaks of perfection. When Christ speaks of His seven Spirits He means the complete and perfect work of the Holy Spirit in our lives. By this work we can be brought with our Lord Jesus Christ upon His throne, to which our attention is drawn at the very beginning of this Book of Revelation.

In chapter 1:4 we read, "JOHN, to the seven churches which are in Asia : Grace be unto you, and peace, from him which is, and which was, and which is to come; and from the seven Spirits which are before his throne." In the same chapter, in verse 6, we are told: "And hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen." If we are to be kings with the Lord Jesus Christ, we must also have a throne. You cannot be a king without a throne. You cannot be a king without a kingdom, dominion, power and authority. Thus the Holy Spirit brings our attention to the heavenly, holy and high calling of our loving and mighty God, and His purpose of bringing us upon His throne. He wants us to reign with Him, otherwise there is no meaning in saying that we are kings and priests. Perhaps some of us wonder how we can ever rise to such heights, though we can believe easily enough that God is a God of mercy, and can surely forgive our sins. Ask anyone who believes in God and they will straightway agree with you: "Yes, I believe He is a God of mercy: He can forgive sins." But tell a person that "Not only does God want to forgive us our sins, but He also wants us to be with Him upon His throne," and they find it hard to understand. May be a few persons like Paul the Apostle, or Daniel the prophet, or Moses the Lawgiver can be on the throne, but not men like you and me. They can never dream of occupying such a high position in the Lord Jesus Christ. But these are not my words but His words. Verses 5 and 6 say, "Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, And hath made us kings and priests." Why did He love us? His desire is so great and wonderful, so marvellous and abundant that He wants us to be kings, to reign with Him. The same thought is found in Rev. 20:4: "And I saw thrones, and they sat upon them, and judgment was given unto them : and I saw the souls of them

that were beheaded for the witness of Jesus, and for the word of God, and which had not worshipped the beast, neither his image, neither had received his mark upon their foreheads, or in their hands; and they lived and reigned with Christ a thousand years." "Reigned?" Yes, every believer can be both a king and a priest with the Lord Jesus Christ. Whenever you find any doubt coming into your mind as to how a man like me, so weak, so limited and frail can ever rise so high the answer is "the seven Spirits." When the angel appeared to Mary and told her that she was going to have a Son, she said to him: "How shall this be, seeing I know not a man?" (Luke 1:34). The answer is : "The Holy Ghost." "And the angel answered and said unto her, The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee" (v.35).

We are to be like Mary. God says in effect: "Do you know the meaning of the seven Spirits? Then let them work in you freely and you will be raised to My throne." They are there, that we may be prepared adequately to rise higher and higher till we reach the heavenly throne and are there for ever as kings and co-workers and apostles of the Lord Jesus Christ. The seven Spirits speak of the complete Spirit. In Zechariah 4:1-6 the same message is given to the prophet Zechariah : "AND the angel that talked with me came again, and waked me, as a man that is wakened out of his sleep, And said unto me, What seest thou? And I said, I have looked, and behold a candlestick all of gold, with a bowl upon the top of it, and his seven lamps thereon, and seven pipes to the seven lamps, which are upon the top thereof: And two olive trees by it, one upon the right side of the bowl, and the other upon the left side thereof. So I answered and spake to the angel that talked with me, saying, What are these, my lord? Then the angel that talked with me answered and said unto me, Knowest thou not

what these be? And I said, No, my lord. Then he answered and spake unto me, saying, This is the word of the LORD unto Zerubbabel, saying, Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the LORD of hosts." That was the message the Lord was conveying through Zechariah to Zerubbabel. At that time they had a very hard task before them.

The city of Jerusalem was burnt down completely according to the prophecies made by Jeremiah in chapter 25. God prophesied that after 70 years of captivity they will come back to Jerusalem. But when they returned they found that the whole city was in ruins and all the buildings were burnt down. The outer wall of Jerusalem was also fallen down. They were wondering why God had said that after 70 years of captivity the whole city would be rebuilt and that the wonderful temple which had been burnt down completely, also would be rebuilt. They had no money. They were captives. They were few in number. Yet God was saying to Zechariah: "Not by might, nor by power, but by My Spirit. I have said it, and I will do it; the whole city will again be built, the walls, and the temple also." And so it came to pass. Things that looked impossible became possible. How? The Lord said : "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit." That is the message of the seven Spirits.

The same message we find in the tabernacle through the golden candlesticks and the seven lamps. "And thou shalt make the seven lamps thereof: and they shall light the lamps thereof, that they may give light over against it" (Exodus 25:37). That was the plan of the golden candlesticks in the tabernacle. When we understand that the seven lamps of fire in Zechariah 4 refer to the seven Spirits of God, we understand that unless we are prepared for the Holy Spirit to possess us

completely and to fill us with more fire and lead us step by step, we cannot know the meaning of God's throne. When we are willing to be led by the Spirit completely, then by that Spirit, He says, we can rise above all things and come to His throne.

Now why is it that we find that phrase the "seven Spirits" coming four times- in chapter 1:4; 3:1; 4:5; and 5:6? The reason is that we can divide the work of the Holy Spirit into four parts as I said earlier. Firstly, there are seven names given in the Bible to the Holy Spirit. Secondly, there is the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit, which goes on very quietly in the believer. Thirdly, there is the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit that can be seen outwardly by other people. Fourthly, there is the sevenfold work of the Holy Spirit in the ministry of the Lord Jesus Christ. His work is thus divided into four groups of seven each.

I find that this subject is much misunderstood in many parts of the world. Many people have wrong conceptions about the Holy Spirit. His work in no way depends on us; He does it by fulfilling the divine law. If God forgives my sins, He still has to fulfil His divine law. Before He can forgive me, God must punish sin, and that is why the Lord Jesus Christ took upon Himself my punishment. That divine law cannot be changed. God is just, and God's Word says: "the soul that sinneth, it shall die" (Eze. 18:4). How can He change His law? The law is there. Every sin that I commit, either by thought or by word or by deed deserves the same punishment of death, and to fulfil that divine law the Lord Jesus Christ became a man. What I could not do, being so weak in the flesh, my Lord came to the world to do for me. And so whatever God does, He always does it by fulfilling His divine

laws. When He sends rain it is by the laws of nature. Sunshine must fall upon the water, the water becomes clouds which have to travel long distances and go through many changes. At last the rain falls. Thus we see everything happening after certain laws are fulfilled. The Holy Ghost will not come by shouting and screaming and rolling on the ground. There is a divine law here, and this great secret is given to us. How does the Holy Spirit come into us? How does He work in us? His coming into us and His work in us are deep, complete, full and free. The purpose is that we may share His throne.

The **first name** given in the Bible to the Holy Spirit is "The Spirit of holiness." "And declared to be the Son of God with power, according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead" (Romans 1:4). That is the first name I find, the Spirit of Holiness, or the Holy Spirit. He is given that name that, we may understand the meaning of God's holiness and may also become holy, as God is holy. That is God's standard for you and me. In 1 Peter 1:16 God says through His servant, "Be ye holy; for I am holy." We have to be holy like Himself, not like Peter or John, or Paul, or Daniel, or Isaiah or Moses. God says, "Be holy as I am holy." We have before us such a high standard as the holiness of God. Again in Hebrews 12:10 we read, "For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure: but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness." His holiness; that is God's standard and none can ever attain to such a high standard by any effort of man. It is not attained by will power, knowledge, fasting, tears or by any other means. The Holy Spirit has to come into me and work deeply, freely, fully and completely to make me as holy as He is holy. My part is to let Him possess me, saying: "Lord, my hands are at Thy service, my feet are at Thy disposal, all my limbs

will obey Thee without looking to men." We have to be brought into His possession, so that the Holy Spirit can take us fully for it is not we who take Him.

Some people think that by living in some quiet place, they will become more holy. That is why in the early days many became monks and nuns, but this was a false conception. By living in some far–out place without seeing anyone, man does not become more holy. There was a man who lived in a mountain cave for twelve years. He sincerely thought that by not seeing any man or woman, and by not eating meat or mutton, he would become more holy. There he was for twelve years in the cave living upon water and leaves and wild fruits. Someone asked him: "Mr. X, have you become more holy?" He said, "I have committed far more fornications here, than I ever did in the world outside." Our thoughts will never leave us. It is the Holy Spirit Who has to make me holy, not myself; and it is for this reason He is called the Spirit of Holiness. Unless we are prepared to become holy, God will not work in us.

Many people want the Holy Spirit for power, thinking that by having more power they will be admired more. Men will say: "Look, what a wonderful man, what a fine Christian! When he prays something always happens". Men seek after power, and manifestations, and signs and wonders and what not, but this is not God's order. His first demand is holiness and unless we have that longing to be holy as God is holy, we shall never find the Holy Spirit coming into us freely; and that is why we find many people who crave to have the fulness of the Holy Spirit, being deceived by money. I will give you an example. I have met many people coming to India from America and other countries to have a healing campaign. They

have very large posters advertising: "Come! Come and be healed by So and So ." Then when the people come, they put out a box and request the people to give as much as they can! What a mockery! They ask the people to come and be healed by prayer, and then begin begging with both hands : "Please give liberally! Please give liberally! Don't forget the box." It is indeed a mockery. If God can heal by prayer, why cannot He give money by prayer? He is the same God, but men are so blind spiritually, that they will even tell lies to get more money. God is holy so we must be holy, and then we shall see the true power of the Holy Spirit.

In Hebrews 9:14 we read : "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God?" That is **the second name** we see in the Bible; the Eternal Spirit. God has given us the Holy Spirit to teach us about eternal things. We, as human beings, are much more concerned about passing things. We study history, geography, philosophy, botany, zoology, and so many other subjects. We have a longing and desire to learn all we can of these subjects. They will pass away, but how about the things of eternity? These things that we learn on earth will pass away. In Matthew 24:35 we read: "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." As we grow old, often our memory fails. We may have gained high degrees in these subjects with very high marks, but after a few years the memory of it all disappears. But what we receive from God will never pass away; it will last forever, and that is why we require the Holy Spirit so as to understand the things of eternity, and the meaning of the heavenly mystery.

For example, when the Lord Jesus Christ began to

speak about heavenly things in John 3:4, Nicodemus said to Him: "How can a man be born when he is old? Can he enter the second time into his mother's womb, and be born?" Our Lord was talking about eternal things, but the poor man could not understand them. Nicodemus was one of the seventy members of the Jewish Sanhedrin. In those days the Sanhedrin governed the whole nation of the Jews, and though Nicodemus was one of those leading men, he could not understand a simple truth regarding heavenly things. When the Lord said to him so lovingly: "Now Nicodemus, if you want to be with Me in My kingdom, you must be born again," he thought the Lord was talking about physical birth. "How can this be? How can this be?" he asked. Thus to understand eternal things we require the Holy Spirit.

Similarly in John 6:51, 52, 55, and 57, the Lord says : "I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world. The Jews therefore strove among themselves, saying, How can this man give us his flesh to eat? ..... For my flesh is meat indeed..... As the living Father hath sent me, and I live by the Father: so he that eateth me, even he shall live by me." Our Lord repeated the same message eight times. From verses 51 to 58 is the same thought. "Why are you here? Are you not after the fish and loaves only? You can eat that today and be hungry tomorrow. Come to me, and I will give you something better. Eat meat that will help you to live for ever." He was saying it so lovingly and kindly, but the disciples got angry and went away. "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with him" (John 6:66). They had no understanding of the things of eternity. They knew full well that the Lord was a Man of

authority, and no ordinary man. "For he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes" (Matt. 7:29). "Never man spake like this man" (John 7:46). And even though our Lord was speaking with authority and told them lovingly how they could live forever with Him, and how their hunger and thirst could be satisfied for ever, they got angry and went away.

Now when you go to a college and cannot understand a certain theorem, what will you do? Will you go home? Will you say to the professor: "I am not going to stay here, I am going home". You would rather say, "Sir, I can't understand, will you please explain more simply this theorem?" But the people in this passage got angry and went away and came no more after Him, because they had no understanding of the things of eternity.

The Holy Spirit is given to us to give us hunger, thirst, appreciation, and understanding of the things of eternity. I Cor. 2:12–14 "Now we have received, not the spirit of the world, but the spirit which is of God; that we might know the things that are freely given to us of God. Which things also we speak, not in the words which man's wisdom teaches, but which the Holy Ghost teacheth; comparing spiritual things with spiritual. But the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God : for they are foolishness unto him : neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned." The things of eternity, the things of God, and the things of heaven cannot be understood by human wisdom.

You may be a Ph.D., or a D.D., or you may have passed an examination in a Bible College, but that is no proof that you have an understanding of the Scriptures. Unless you are

born again, unless you receive the Holy Spirit, you will never know the full meaning of the heavenly mysteries. But if we have received the Holy Spirit we have a greater hunger for the things of eternity, and the Holy Spirit can speak to us freely. We have to say by simple child–like faith : "Lord, teach me the meaning of eternal, divine, heavenly truths : teach me something more about life after death; teach me something more about Thy heavenly kingdom, Thy divine love, Thy divine discipline." And He will teach us, because He is the Eternal Spirit.

Now let us look at the **third name.** In John 14:16 we read: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever." Verse 18, "I will not leave you comfortless : I will come to you." That is the third name given to the Holy Spirit : the **Comforter**. Now here the thought is, when the Lord Jesus Christ told them in Matt.16:21 "I will suffer and be killed," they were very sad, and they said: "Lord for Your sake we left our families, and our business and followed You three years. Lord, we have been going after You. Now You are telling us You are going away. What about us? Will You leave us like orphans?" But the Lord said : "I will not leave you comfortless" (orphans -margin) in John 14:18. He said, "I will give you a Comforter, One who will help you." He is called the Comforter, that the love of God may be fully enjoyed by us. First of all, we see in Romans 5:5 - "And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us." Divine love can only come into us by the Holy Spirit. It is a crystal love, an everlasting love, an unchanging love. "The LORD hath appeared of old unto me, saying, Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love : therefore with lovingkindness have I

drawn thee" (Jer. 31:3). His lovingkindness comes with an everlasting love, and because God's love is eternal and spiritual, it can only be brought into us by the Holy Spirit. He is called the Comforter, that we may enjoy His divine love fully, completely and abundantly.

Also we find His love has four dimensions. Ephesians 3:18–19 says: "May be able to comprehend with all saints what is the breadth, and length, and depth, and height; And to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge." Divine love is so great, how can I ever measure it? Its length and breadth, and depth, and height can never be measured; so I need the Holy Spirit, that this divine immeasurable love may come into me in abundance, in fulness, and completely and continually.

Again, the love of God has seven aspects. In the Scripture I come to number seven again and again, and here we have a sevenfold picture of the divine love of God.

First of all He loves me as my Saviour, "..... the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me" (Gal.2:20). That is the first aspect of divine love; the Lord Jesus Christ loves me as my **Saviour**. If you want to experience divine love you have got to believe that the Lord Jesus Christ loved you and died in your stead. He loved me and gave Himself for me. Do not try to confuse mercy with love. For example, a poor man may ask some money from you; you feel sorry for him, and out of mercy and kindness you give some money to him. You do not say: "You are my son or daughter." Only those who are your own children can demand the love of father or mother from you and no one else. That is how divine

love begins. I must acknowledge the Lord Jesus Christ as my Saviour. He came into the world for me. When John the Baptist first saw the Lord Jesus Christ after His baptism he said in John 1:29, "Behold the Lamb of God." He didn't say: "Behold the Messiah!" or "Behold Jesus of Nazareth!" He said "Behold the Lamb of God!" No one else has come into the world to take away the sins of the world, except the Lord Jesus Christ Who came as a Lamb. Under the law a priest had to take a lamb without blemish and sacrifice it for the sins of the people. That was to remind men of the perfect sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ, which was to come. God's love always begins when we receive Him as our Saviour. The love of the Saviour is the first aspect of divine love.

Secondly, He loves as a Father. "For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but he for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness" (Hebrews 12:6, 10). That is the second aspect of divine love. The Lord Jesus loves us as a Saviour, to begin with, and then as a Father. That is why He must punish us, rebuke us, and chastise us so as to bring us to His standards. Why do you chastise your children? When they misbehave, you chastise them that they may rise to your standards. You say: "You are my son, you are my child, you must behave properly, study hard and acquire high marks." God is saying: "You are My children, and I want you to rise to My standards, that you may be with Me in My kingdom." That is why God must punish us, chastise us and scourge us.

Thirdly, Isaiah 66:13 tells us: "As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you; and ye shall be comforted in Jerusalem." That is the third aspect of divine

love. The Lord Jesus Christ loves us like a mother. Father knows how to beat; mother knows how to cook. What mother can do, father cannot do. A young man was very sick in a hospital and his mother came to see him. He was lying there as though he was unconscious, but when his mother held his hand, he said, "Mother, have you come?" He knew by the touch that it was his mother's hand and not the nurse's. God is saying: "I will punish you, but I will also comfort you. I will do both." Whenever we feel sad, lonely, rejected and discouraged, there comes the warmth of God's love saying, "My son, I am with you. Why are you so sad? I will never leave you, I will never forsake you; cheer up, don't be so sad." Like a mother He comforts us. Like a father He chastises us.

Fourthly, in John 15:15 we read : "Henceforth I call you not servants; for the servant knoweth not what his lord doeth: but I have called you friends; for all things that I have heard of my Father I have made known unto you." That is the fourth characteristic of divine love : he loves me like a friend. God called Abraham His "friend" in three places, Isaiah 41 : 8; 2 Chron. 20:7 and James 2:23. The Lord said, "Shall I hide from Abraham the thing which I do" (Gen. 18:17)? God is saying, "Abraham is My friend, I cannot keep these secrets from him; I must tell him so." Before God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah, He told Abraham the secrets of His heart. He told him how He was going to destroy those wicked cities.

When you become God's friend, He will reveal to you many secrets. You will see as you go upon your knees with your Bible, day by day, week by week, many heavenly mysteries that are hidden from the wise and prudent being, revealed to you.

God is my Friend. He loved me in the beginning as my Saviour. As a Father He punishes me and rebukes me; as a mother He has comforted me, as a Friend He reveals to me heavenly mysteries, which are hidden from the wise and learned men. I can go to Him at any time, anywhere and tell Him all my difficulties. There is no shame, nor fear when I say to Him, "Lord, I have sinned, please forgive me. I have failed Thee, please forgive me. Lord Jesus, please have mercy upon me. I don't want to grieve Thee." I dare not hide anything from Him. I can tell Him anything freely, and He answers, "Yes, My son, I also have something to tell you". In Isaiah 50:4 we read: "The Lord GOD hath given me the tongue of the learned, that I should know how to speak a word in season to him that is weary : he wakeneth morning by morning, he wakeneth mine ear to hear as the learned." Yes, He gives you a message of comfort for someone. He will tell you, "Now, My son, there is someone there feeling very sad, you go there and talk to him."

I remember some time ago God spoke to me that a certain person was in trouble. She had need of something, and God told me to go and give her Rs. 5. I answered, "Lord, I have no money. If this is Your purpose, You provide the money also." As I went outside I saw a brand new note lying by the door. I picked it up and went to deliver it to the person in trouble. I said: "Forgive me, but the Lord spoke to me, and this is for you." She began to weep. She said, "You know, last night I saw a dream and in that dream I saw my husband and he said to me, "Bakht Singh will come and give you five rupees." It is wonderful to think that morning by morning the Lord speaks to us. He tells me: "Go to So and So; he is My child, discouraged and in difficulty. Give My message to him." So I go straightway. Thus day after day heavenly mysteries

are revealed. I also go to Him and say: "Lord, I am very sorry, I have done something wrong; I said something that hurt someone, please forgive me." His forgiveness is immediate. He is my Friend.

In Matthew 12:48–50 we find the **fifth** characteristic of divine love. "But he answered and said unto him that told him, Who is my mother? And who are my brethren? And he stretched forth his hand toward his disciples, and said, Behold my mother and my brethren! For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Yes, He loves me as a brother, He loves me as a sister. The more I do God's will, the more I enjoy that divine love like a brother, that fellowship as an equal member. In the family some are very clever, some are very stupid. Yet because it is the same family, we love each other; we share our food, yes, we share everything together. Thus I know the Lord is my brother also. He is there to share my burdens, and on my part I must give Him more affection. We all need brothers in the family; it is a happy family indeed when there are brothers and sisters, who can share all their joys and sorrows. Christ is my Brother.

Sixthly, in Revelation 1:5 we read these words: "Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us...". He loves me as a **King**. Now why do you want a king? You need a king for safety, for protection and for war. The king's army protects us, and allows us to live in peace. The Lord Jesus Christ is my heavenly King to protect me from all the attacks of the unseen powers. As we see in Ephesians 6:12: "For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers

of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." There are many wicked unseen powers constantly trying to do us some harm and damage. The Lord Jesus Christ is our heavenly King, and unknown to us is fighting on our behalf to protect us from the attacks of evil powers. When we say again and again: "Lord Jesus, by faith we bring ourselves under the blood," they are defeated. We do not go to the police or military for protection for we have protection in the heavenly King. At the same time, because of His reign and wisdom I can grow spiritually. Just as earthly kings and government help us to live in prosperity and develop the country, in the same way the Lord Jesus Christ is our heavenly King, and enables us to grow in grace and knowledge.

Finally, He loves us as a heavenly Bridegroom. Rev. 19:7 says: "Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honour to him: for the marriage of the Lamb is come, and his wife hath made herself ready." Also Rev. 21:2, "And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband." He loves us as a heavenly Bridegroom so as to make us one with Him. I have seen how after marriage, many people become discontented. Suppose you live in peace and harmony for thirty-five years, have your photo taken, and compare it with the photo taken on your marriage day, you will be surprised to see the difference. When a couple has lived in oneness for thirty-five years, they look almost like brother and sister. I have seen many, many photos. Those who are always fighting, will not have the same resemblance. The Lord is my Bridegroom to make me like Himself, to share with me His glory, His beauty, excellency, power and majesty. This is divine love. He loves me first as a Saviour; second, as a Father to rebuke and

chasten: third, as a mother to comfort; fourth, as a friend to share all His secrets; fifth, as a brother to be my companion, and my partner in my afflictions, sorrows and burdens; sixth, as my heavenly king, for protection, safety and prosperity, and seventh, as a bridegroom to make me like Himself, to share with me His glory and beauty, and to live with me as one person.

The Holy Spirit is called the Comforter, that He may bring into us the sevenfold divine love in its full measure. In your experience of the Holy Spirit if you find no love, something is wrong with your experience. Some people talk about fullness, but are hard–hearted. They say hurtful things: they do many shameful things. There is no love, there is no sympathy, no understanding, no kindness, no gentleness; there is no divine love. The Holy Ghost is our Comforter that He may bring into us day by day this sevenfold divine love in its fulness like a river.

Now the **fourth name** of the Holy Spirit is given in John 16:13. "Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come." The Spirit of truth will teach us day by day things to come, and at the same time give us a clear understanding of the whole plan of salvation, for by the Holy Spirit we know clearly how we become just and righteous before God; how all our sins are forgiven; and how the Lord Himself is our sanctification and righteousness. Similarly He says : "He will show you things to come." We shall know inwardly before hand that something is going to happen. One day a man came to me. He said he wanted to go away to his village. I said, "I'll pray to the Lord and find God's

will." I prayed, "Lord, this man wants to go, will You kindly show Your will." So I told him "we have prayed, but I do not have peace. Will you kindly postpone your departure?" He said, "I have packed my things, I feel I must go." So we prayed again, a second time, a third time, a fourth time, but the same answer. I said to him, "There is something wrong somewhere, please don't go today." Half heartedly he stayed behind, but that very train by which he wanted to go met with an accident, a head– on collision with a goods train and many hundreds died. Then he came to me and said, "Thank you so much for holding me back". In the beginning he was so sorry that I did not have the guidance, but the Holy Spirit was telling me beforehand "Be very careful." Another time we were climbing a mountain. I was going in front and someone was behind me, when suddenly my legs would not go down to the ground. I looked down and there was a cobra underneath. The Lord saved us there. God promised that He, the Holy Spirit, will warn us beforehand saying : "Be very careful, do not go that side, be very careful!" That is how we have been saved from many things. He is the Spirit of truth, to show us clearly the way of salvation and the fuller meaning of God's love, and at the same time to save us from all coming dangers.

The **fifth** name is found in Galatians 4:6: "And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth **the Spirit of his Son** into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father." Verse 7 also: "Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ." The Spirit of God's Son gives us liberty and boldness to call upon God at any time. There is no fear, even though the Father may sometimes rebuke us, for we have boldness to go direct to God's throne. We know whatever He may do to chastise us, His love never changes. God may rebuke us, but His love is still there, so He says :

"You are given the Spirit of sons." Then you can call upon God for all your needs. God says in Jeremiah 33:3, "Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not." Again Psalm 81 : 10 says : "I am the Lord thy God, which brought thee out of the land of Egypt : open thy mouth wide, and I will fill it." He is my heavenly Father, and has given to me the Spirit of His Son that I may call upon Him for all my needs, all my burdens, all my problems. John 16:24 says : "Hitherto have ye asked nothing in my name: ask, and ye shall receive, that your joy may be full." Ask from Him, there is no need to beg, no need to borrow. Romans 13:8 commands: "Owe no man anything, but to love one another : for he that loveth another hath fulfilled the law." Now many believers borrow money to buy furniture. They buy a house by instalments, and a radio, carpet, wedding suit, piano, all by instalments; all on borrowed money! This is against the Scriptures. Pay what you owe. When you are in need call upon the Lord and He will surely give you; and be content with what He gives. Do not be covetous or greedy, for He loves you, and whatever is good for you, He will give you. Psalm 84:11: "For the Lord God is a sun and shield : the Lord will give grace and glory : no good thing will he withhold from them that walk uprightly." No good thing! Again in Psalm 34:10: "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing." That psalm was written by David when he and his four hundred men were living in a cave. At that time they had no money. 1 Samuel 22:1, 2 shows their condition. "David therefore departed thence, and escaped to the cave Adullam: and when his brethren and all his father's house heard it, they went down thither to him. And every one that was in distress, and every one that was in debt, and every one that was discontented, gathered themselves unto him; and he

became a captain over them: and there were with him about four hundred men." That was the best Bible College anyone could go to. There was no money, yet if anyone was in trouble or in debt, he went to David, and he became their captain. Further, they were all hiding themselves from Saul. It was at that time he wrote Psalm 34:10: "The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing." I can imagine those men seeing lions roaring down in the valley because they had no food, but for David and his men, adequate food was provided by the Lord. If something happened to keep them in the cave, or they could not go to the markets to buy any food, because they had no money, God kept on providing food, day by day to all those four hundred men in the cave. So David could say: "The lions suffer hunger. I see them every day, but we shall never want any good thing." Trust in God and He will surely supply your need. The Holy Spirit is called the Spirit of the Son, and we are God's children; we belong to Him and he must supply our needs.

The **sixth** name of the Holy Spirit is found in 2 Timothy 1:7: "For God hath not given us the **spirit of fear**; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind." That is the sixth name: the **Spirit of power, and love and a sound mind**. These three go together, so do not separate them. Some want power but not love. They do not want both but both must go together. The Spirit of power, love and a sound mind will first of all take away all our fears; fear of the past, of the future, and of the present. Then the same Spirit will give us power over sin and temptation, and a sound mind to understand the mind of God, to know God's wisdom and plan, and His perfect will. Our greatest need is to find God's will . Many people boast how they are full of the Holy Spirit. I ask them: "Please

tell me how do you find God's will." Then they start saying, "I don't know." They talk about their experience for a long time, but ask them a simple question: "Can you prove to me how and when and where you found God's will and what is the evidence of it," they cannot answer it. God gives you a sound mind to understand His ways and working, plans, and perfect will.

The **seventh** name is given in 1 John 2:27. " But the anointing which ye have received of him abideth in you, and ye need not that any man teach you: but as the same anointing teacheth you and is truth, and is no lie, and even as it hath taught you, ye shall abide in him." The seventh name is **the Anointing.** Let us read verse 26 "These things have I written unto you concerning them that seduce you." We know in the end days there will be many false prophets to deceive us. "For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many" (Matt. 24:5). In the same way 2 Cor. 11:13-15: " For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ. And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness; whose end shall be according to their works." In the end days there will be many false prophets, but we are given the anointing of the Holy Spirit by which we are protected from these false prophets. That is my experience. After my conversion in Winnipeg, Canada, I was the only Sikh Christian staying in the Y.M.C.A. At that time, many people came to see me everyday. They would be very kind to me and take me home, but my spirit told me: "Do not trust them; there is something wrong." And that is how God saved me from many wrong teachings. They had so many good books and so many nice gestures, but I would

feel there was something wrong there, and that is how all these years God has saved me from wrong teachings. If you allow the Holy Ghost to possess you, He will save you from all these wrong teachers, because some are so clever, you will never know of yourselves, what they teach and what they practise. But thank God for the Spirit which is given for our safety and our protection.

So we have the seven names of the Holy Spirit. Let me repeat them. 1. The Spirit of Holiness that we may understand how to attain God's holiness. 2.The Eternal Spirit to give us hunger and thirst for, appreciation and understanding of the things of eternity. 3. The Comforter, that God's perfect, abundant, sevenfold love may be brought into me fully, the love of the Saviour, love of a father, a mother, a friend, a brother, a heavenly King, and the heavenly Bridegroom. 4. He is called the Spirit of truth to show me all things and bring me into the depths of His salvation, and warn me beforehand of coming dangers or present evil. 5. He is called the Spirit of the Son to give me boldness and liberty to go unto Him for all my need, whatever it may be. Open your mouth wide and He will fill it. He is there always to help. 6. Similarly, He is called the Spirit of power and love and a sound mind to take away all our fears and doubts and anxieties, and at the same time to keep us in God's perfect heavenly plan. 7. Finally, He is called the Spirit of Anointing to save us from the wrong teachings of false prophets.